

Erhard Is Warned by Strauss

Acquisition of Nuclear Weapons Proclaimed as Birthright

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BONN, Nov. 30.—Franz-Josef Strauss today publicly warned Chancellor Erhard not to "sell created, with its own nuclear defense potential, should West Germany give up the right to acquire national nuclear power," Strauss said. Until then, he said, Germany had a right to

Toward the end of a powerful though rambling two-hour speech in the Bundestag, Strauss dramatically pointed his finger at Erhard—sitting in the government bench—and urged him to reject "any pressure from international opinion" for an East-West treaty on the nonproliferation of atomic weapons.

Strauss told Erhard specifically that, in the Chancellor's coming talks with President Johnson (scheduled for Dec. 19-20), he should be "very careful, very reserved" toward and consultation without a nonproliferation accord, participation in which he called a "purely atomic-weapons system." A physical attempt at solution of Strauss said all such proposals a political problem."

He warned the Erhard government to give "no assent to such an accord

before all the other problems of Allied defense have been "fully studied." Only when a federal European union was created, with its own nuclear defense potential, should West Germany give up the right to acquire national nuclear power, Strauss said. Until then, he said, Germany had a right to demand "equality with the other European members of the North Atlantic Alliance."

Criticizes Proposals Strauss, who was West German Defense Minister until 1963 and remains chairman of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), brushed aside proposals by the Social Democratic opposition (as well as coming talks with President Johnson) for a greater German role in nuclear planning. Targeting, coordination and consultation without a nonproliferation accord, participation in new Foreign Minister Gerhard Schröder was not present.

Erhard did not react when Strauss delivered his warning on the nuclear issues. The 90-year-old former Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, applauded. Schmidt was not present.

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In a reply to Strauss, Social Democratic leader Helmut

Schmidt reiterated his sup-

port of a nonproliferation ac-

cord and rejected the Erhard government's declaration that German nonpossession of nuclear weapons is an "injustice,"

At the same time, Schmidt said, "it is not really our business to get involved in proposing reforms or changes in the North Atlantic Treaty or its organization. The present treaty and the present organization suit us fine."

With one day remaining in the debate—which has concentrated on fiscal as well as defense problems—it appeared that Erhard and Schröder reconstruction after World War II.

Strauss did not react when demands for an allied or mul-

tilateral nuclear force. In ad-

dition to the Social Demo-

crats, the Free Democrats (who

are partners in the govern-

ment coalition) have now

backed away from the idea.

American lead on the subject.

Christian Democrats loyal to

Adenauer have opposed such

plans for more than a year.

On a nonproliferation ac-

cord, it appeared — despite acquisition elsewhere.

Lawmakers Protest Restaurant Prices

Reuters

BONN, Nov. 30 — West Germany's parliamentary opposition today backed Chancellor Erhard's austerity pleas—by skipping lunch in the Parliament restaurant.

More than 100 Social Democratic Deputies demonstrated against the restaurant's high prices and small portions by sitting down to sandwiches packed by their wives. The Deputy Speaker of the Bundestag, Carlo Schmidt, was greeted by shouts of "Blackleg" when he sat down for a plate of sausages and sauerkraut.

Strauss's reception today — that a clear parliamentary majority is prepared to follow an American lead on the subject. West Germany did renounce (ten years ago) the production of nuclear weapons on her own territory, but never their



United Press International

'NIECH ZYJE'—American Ambassador John A. Gronouski, in light coat, is shown during a tumultuous reception on his arrival in Warsaw yesterday to take up his

new duties. The former Postmaster General, grandson of Polish immigrants, was greeted with cries of "Niech Zyje"—"Long may you live."